GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1143
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APPROVAL FOR ELECTION EXPENSES
Surendran Shri Chengara

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding election expenses of political parties from Election Commission;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has approved the proposal of the Election Commission of India to meet the Election expenses of Political Parties by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;and

(d) if not, the hurdles coming in the way?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) to (d): A proposal for state funding of elections based on the recommendations made by the Indrajit Gupta Committee is under consideration of the Government with a view to building a consensus amongst the political parties.